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**Richland Creek Watershed Alliance Announces Third-Annual Spring Clean-Up: April 11**

NASHVILLE, March 19 – On April 11<sup>th</sup> Richland Creek Watershed Alliance (RCWA) will hold a creek clean-up on Richland Creek at Charlotte Avenue starting at 9:00 a.m. This area of the creek, approximately 500 feet in length, annually receives tons of trash from myriad sources including upstream inflow, street litter and illegal dumping. Volunteers are needed for this event.

This is the third year RWCA has organized a clean up of this segment of Richland Creek. RCWA volunteers have collected over three tons of debris at the prior spring clean-ups. In spring 2008, forty volunteers participated in this environmental cause.

Volunteers will gather at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 11, near the creek in the vicinity of 5511 Charlotte Pike, Nashville, on the south side of Charlotte Pike, immediately west of Richland Creek. A staging tent and table will be situated nearby and visible from Charlotte Pike.

Pre-registration via email is encouraged. Waivers will be required from all participants. This area of Richland Creek is steep and hazardous and is not recommended for children.

The clean-up is sponsored in part by Metro Water Services' Adopt-A-Stream Program. Metro Public Works and Metro Water Services will provide gloves, bags and other support, including removal and disposal of trash and debris. Other sponsors include the Charlotte Pike Jack in the Box restaurant, Blinker-Lite and Kroger, which will be providing provisions for event volunteers.

"This specific portion of Richland Creek, marked historically significant and a feeding area for waterfowl, is especially prone to pollution and trash," said RCWA director Monette Rebecca.

To register for the clean-up or to learn more, go to [www.richlandcreekwatershedalliance.org](http://www.richlandcreekwatershedalliance.org) or email [rcwa@comcast.net](mailto:rcwa@comcast.net).

RCWA is a non-profit organization founded in 2006. RCWA was formed to educate the community about issues threatening the Richland Creek watershed's vitality and environmental sustainability. The volunteer organization endeavors to promote projects, which improve streams' water quality and enhance riparian habitat, in an effort to protect the web of life dependent upon them.

For additional information about this volunteer event, contact Monette Rebecca at 525.3379 or visit [www.richlandcreekwatershedalliance.org](http://www.richlandcreekwatershedalliance.org).

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